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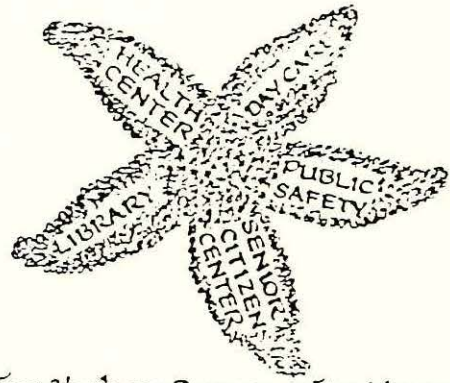
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Peaks Island STAR



Newsletter of the Islands Service Agencies & other Community News

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PEAKS ISLAND LIONS CLUB

The Peaks Island Lions Club which has, for so many years, served the Peaks Island community, is now in need of help from that community in the form of increased membership.

The Peaks Island Lions Club is a chapter of Lions Club International, an organization of 1.4 million members. That group's mission statement says, in part, that it is the Lion Club's goal....to create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community services.

The Peaks Island chapter, through the efforts of a dedicated handful of members, has for countless years achieved that goal. But membership is dwindling, as are the energy and endurance of those remaining, and new members are needed if the Lions' heritage and tradition of service to the island are to be perpetuated.

It would be difficult to find an island agency or project that has not in some way benefited from the efforts of the Lions. In the last four years alone, the Lion's club has donated over \$50,000.00 to various agencies and projects on the island.

Over 80% of the Lion's income results from the lobster bakes that are held on the Lion's Greenwood Gardens property. But these are labor-intensive undertakings, and a larger membership would mean that the labor would be better distributed for all. A blend of veterans and new members would assure that the traditions of service would live on.

In short we need new energy and new ideas, and we are seeking new members, of both genders, to further our work.

First -year membership are dues- free. To obtain an application, you may contact one of the following members:

John Feeney	766-5849
Bob Hurley	766-2170
Dan Murphy	766-2488

Thank you for considering this invitation to utilize your abilities and energies in the service of the entire Peaks Island community.

Printing of this month's STAR has been donated in Loving Memory of their aunt: Jessica S. Parks to commemorate the anniversary of her passing, May 5, 1998, by Jane and David Adams and their family.

Peaks Island Elementary School

The students have been busy studying science. Peaks Island School teachers hosted a wonderful science night on Wednesday, April 14. Students and their parents participated in a variety of science experiments. The University of Southern Maine's Chemistry Club visited the school on Friday, April 16. The group consisted of five undergraduate women who presented experiments with solids, liquids and gasses, some of which made very big bangs! Also, beginning Tuesday, April 27, an after-school science club will explore science with island resident, Professor Dick Swarts. Parent volunteers will assist. Mr. and Mrs. Fish will make a presentation on ocean science to the school on Monday, May 10. Finally, the whole school will visit the New England Aquarium on Thursday, May 20.

All are welcome to attend the following two concerts. The spring music concert, featuring songs from *The Sound of Music*, will be held on Tuesday, May 18 at 6:45 in the gym. The Longfellow School chorus will be joining the Peaks Island School chorus for a concert, also in the gym on Tuesday, June 1 at 1:30.

Peter DeWitt of Portland Public Works visited the school on Monday, April 26 to explain Portland's new recycling program, one which changes Peak's existing program.

The Altrusa Club of Portland visited the K, 1, & 2 grades on Wednesday, April 28. They brought their A(animals), B(books) and C(cookies) program to the classes. The volunteers read to each child who then selected a brand new book and stuffed animal to take home with them.

Many thanks go to the following parent volunteers who headed after-school programs in March: Linda Dillingham, Kim Norton, Jamie Carlson, Ralph Morris for soccer, Kim Norton for board games, Jenny Yasi for French Club, Phil Friedman for strategic games, Ralph Morris for basketball, Julie Goell and Avner Eisenberg for Theater Improv.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES MAINE
PEAKS ISLAND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
P.O. Box 7 • 71 Herman Avenue • Peaks Island, Maine 04108-0007
Phone: 207-766-2854 • Fax: 207-766-2739

A "Royal Thank You" to all who attended our castle celebration! A grand time was had by all. Thank you cards were sent to Pam Richards for videotaping the event and to Priscilla Webster and Sherry Warner who helped cut the pizza and pour root beer. Please read the special poem written by Rose Ann Walsh's family. It is posted on the front door in the common room. The castle still stands majestically in the vestibule for viewing for those of you who missed the initial unveiling.

PLAYGROUP continues each **WEDNESDAY** morning from 10:15-11AM—a time for infants/toddlers/parents/caregivers to come and enjoy our playspace..offered on a **DROP IN BASIS..NO FEE OR REGISTRATION INVOLVED.**
MAY DATES ARE: May 5, 12, 19, 26

On April 22, our center received a \$70 gift check from Altrusa International Inc. in honor of their 70th birthday. We were one of 70 agencies the members chose and we are honored to have been selected. Thank you very much, Altrusa International!

Our **FOOD PANTRY** remains available to anyone in need of supplemental food...just give a call or stop by.

HAPPY SPRING!

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

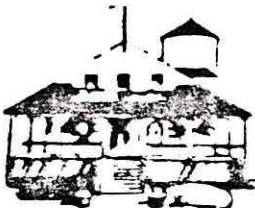
An incident raising serious public safety concerns was the primary topic discussed at the April general meeting of the Peaks Island Neighborhood Association. Two of the police officers stationed on Peaks Island reported on a car theft and vandalism spree early Easter morning. The offenses followed a party held by about twenty teenagers in an unoccupied house (with permission of a relative of the owner). The party included substantial underage drinking. The police alleged that two of the party-goers stole, drove, and abandoned two vehicles from the parking lot, damaged other vehicles in the lot, did about \$8000 dollars of damage to a private boat, dug up the ball field, and vandalized the newly constructed stands there. Concern was expressed by those at the meeting about adult irresponsibility in allowing these events to happen. There was discussion about a stricter police policy in which minors taken into custody would be taken to the mainland instead of being released to their parents on the island. It was also suggested that property damage such as that of Easter morning should be taken more seriously than some other youth offenses. The police agreed. It was decided to put the following warning in the Peaks Island Star:

DO NOT LEAVE KEYS IN PARKED CARS; YOURS MAY BE NEXT TO BE STOLEN.

The information kiosk (for non-profit activities) being donated to the City by Jerry Garman will be in its location on Welch Street around May 1st.

PINA is looking for nominees for vacancies on the Steering Committee. Voting will be at its August meeting. Anyone interested in being a candidate should talk to Judy Piawlock.

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 PM on Tuesday, May 11, 1999 at the Senior Center. The following general meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, 1999 at the Community Center.



THE FIFTH MAINE REGIMENT COMMUNITY CENTER

P.O. BOX 41, PEAKS ISLAND, MAINE 04108

The Fifth Maine will open for the season on Sunday May 30. The building will be staffed week-ends in June and September, 11 am to 4 pm, and daily in July and August, 11 am to 4 pm. We have scheduled a variety of summer programs and activities including a week-end encampment in August hosted by our own Fifth Regiment Maine Volunteer Reenactors. "Helping hands" are always needed to ensure that each event is successful. If you would like to volunteer a few hours of your time to help out as a museum guide, a committee member, or work at an activity, please call Sharon McKenna at 766-2385. With your support, we'll have another busy and exciting season!

April 22, 1999

Dear Casco Bay Garage Patrons,

The winter parking program ended on April 30th. Anyone that has not turned in their card may do so at the booth where they will receive a receipt for the card. Please let us know if you have changed your mailing address. Anyone interested in a winter space for next season should contact our office. Currently there are over 50 people waiting for year round spaces at the garage.

We will be finishing spring cleaning in the next few weeks. Please do not try to park in any areas of the garage that may be roped off. If you find an orange cone by your car please place it in the parking space after you have backed out so that our attendants can sweep the space. Thank you for your cooperation.

The garage opening and closing times will be changing with the ferry schedule. Please make a note of the new times as we have recently had people return for their car only to find the garage all closed up. Please call or email to update information regarding your vehicles, current accounts or waiting lists. Our office is open from 7:30 to 4:30, or you can leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Ruth Demers, ruthd@maine.rr.com
Casco Bay Garage

Transit District Election

Charles Hastings and William O'Reilly will run for the Peaks Island seat on the Board of Directors of the Casco Bay Island Transit District. The election will be Tuesday, May 4, at the same time as the Portland city elections. Cyrus Hagge (Little Diamond), Leo F. Carter (Cliff Island), and David Kaplan (Great Diamond) are running unopposed.

Island Institute Scholarship

A scholarship to Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, is available for a girl entering her junior year from one of the 14 year-round, unbridged Maine islands, which includes Peaks Island. For information, contact Susie Valatis at the Island Institute, 410 Main Street, Rockland ME 04841, telephone (207)594-9209.

April 17, 1999

To the community of Peaks Island

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who have been involved with the "Cookie Capers" over the past few years. Many have been "behind the scenes", quietly paddling and keeping the whole thing afloat. The few of us that are more visible accept an awful lot of thoughts, prayers and good wishes from the recipients on your behalf. We receive lots of lovely cards of thanks, oodles of "please thank everyone" while delivering, incredible phone calls and get stopped on the street regularly. It is difficult to communicate the volume of response to each of you in an appropriate way. It is both overwhelming and beautiful. I want you to know that your contributions, whether in the form of cookies, fruit, selling us things at cost, donations of goods and monetary donations, your cars and gasoline to deliver, as well as your valuable time, are very much appreciated by those within your community whom we serve. These small acts of kindness are touching people within our community in a most delightful way.

For those of you who are unaware of Cookie Capers, once a month (except January) from October to May, plates of cookies and baskets of fruit are made for roughly 70 members of our community. We try to serve our seniors, especially those who are alone, newcomers (usually once) and those who are enduring some kind of hardship (surgery, loss of a loved one or illness). It is simply an outward expression of awareness and caring from the community as a whole. Let us know if there is anyone you think should be included and we will try to include them when we can.

There will be an open meeting Saturday, May 1st at 10 am at the Community Center for about an hour to assess this past year and toss around some new ideas. If you are interested, please join us.

Again, sincere thanks to each of you for your help in this worthwhile cause. It is appreciated more than you could possibly know.

For further info feel free to contact:	Judy Piawlock	2109
	Grace Wright	2635
	Peg Astarita	5997

* Library News *

129 Island Ave. "In the Community Building" 766-5540

OPEN: Tues. 2-8 Wed. 10-4 Fri. 10-2 Sat. 8-12 noon

Happy Springtime to all. Though as I write this the wind is whirling and the temperature is dropping, the daffodils and forsythia and green grass still say SPRING.

I would like to thank the many Friends of the Library, who hosted the Open House during National Library Week. It was a nice occasion, and everyone was so generous with their time and their baking. This is the library's 19th year in this building, as those who took part in the "scavenger hunt" learned.

Last week, Ruth Sargent brought over five scrapbooks full of newspaper clippings about Peaks Islanders, beginning in the 1950s. There are lots of photos - and lots of laughs - for all to enjoy. Everyone will recognize at least some names in these books. Take a little time to sit and browse through them. We still have Mrs. Shute's scrapbooks, too.

Rumor has it that the Lions Club is looking for new members. As one of the island organizations that benefits from the Lions, we wish them success in their efforts to increase their membership.

Adult Book Discussion: will meet Tuesday, May 4, at 7 PM on the library balcony to discuss Reeve Lindbergh's memoir, Under a Wing. Joyce Woodbury will be the moderator. For June, the book will be We the Living by Ayn Rand.

Children's Programs: Wednesdays: 10:15: Pre-school Story Time;
Saturdays: 10:00: Lap-sit & Toddler Time

SENIOR NEWS

We Seniors had our April Pot Luck luncheon at the Brackett Memorial Hall. It was delicious (usual) and it was voted to have our luncheon at noon at Jones Landing in June. Reservations and details will be arranged at our May meeting,

Spring is here! I know it because our next pot Luck Luncheon will be on May 10th at the Fifth Maine...that beautiful spot with a magnificent view.

We will have election of officers and dues will be payable then.
SEE YOU THERE!!!

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S STAR: Tuesday, May 25. Bring articles to the Library, copy ready, single-spaced, please. You may put them in the bookdrop when the library is not open.

May at Peaks Island's Health Center

26 Sterling Street

PO Box 52

766-2929

Mercy-Maritime Family Practice: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 8:30 - 4:30
Wednesday, 11:30 to 7:30

Closed: Memorial Day, Monday, May 31. Summer Hours at the Center will begin after Memorial Day. In summer, the Center is closed on Fridays and open on Saturdays, 8:30 to 4:30, beginning June 4 and 5.

On Thursday, May 20, which is United Way's Day of Caring, the office will be open for emergencies only as we continue our repainting and building maintenance projects with help from the generous volunteers of the United Way.

Other Services at the Health Center

Dental: **Dentist:** Monday, May 24; **Hygienist:** Wednesday, May 26. Call Robin at Center for Community Dental Health, 874-1025, for an appointment.

Podiatrist: Dr. Dorsey will be here Wednesday, June 2. Call 761-3889 for information or an appointment.

Dr. DeGrinney will have island office hours on Wednesday, May 12, 12 noon to 4:30 PM. Phone the Health Center (2929) for an appointment.

Acupuncture: Diana Sainte will see patients on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, May 12 and 26. Phone the Health Center (2929) for an appointment.

Activities for Health

Weight Watchers : beginning April 29, Thursdays, 6 PM at the Senior Center. Please phone Grace Wright (2635) for information.

Low-Impact Aerobics : meets Wednesdays, 11:30 to 12:30, and Fridays, 3:00 to 4:00, in the Community Room. Everyone is welcome.

Walking Group: beginning June 7, Mondays, 8:30 to 9:30 AM, leaving from the Community Center.

STAR OF THE SEA
STUDIO'S

HAPPY SPRING TO ALL.

OUR DANCERS ARE BUSY WORKING ON THE SPRING SHOW, "CALENDER GIRL" A FUN MUSICAL IN SONG AND DANCE.

RIVERTON SCHOOL SHOW WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 9th. AT 6.45pm.
PEAKS ISLAND SHOW IN GREENWOOD GARDENS ON SUNDAY JUNE 13th. AT 7pm.
DONATIONS ADULTS \$2, CHILDRENS \$1. ALL PROCEEDS TO BENIFIT THE CHILDRENS CANCER PROGRAMS, COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT AND THE THEATRE WORK SHOPS.
ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR THEATRE GROUP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
FOR INFORMATION CALL 766-2727. THIS SUMMER WE WILL BE WORKING ON NEXT SEASONS PROGRAMS.

THE STAR OF THE SEA BOUTIQUE WILL BE OPEN NOW ON FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY AT 4 GREENWOOD ST. (NEAR SANDY BEACH) 12pm. to 4pm. HAND KNITTS, DOLLS, CLOTHES, SPIRITUAL GIFTS, ETC. MANY NEW ITEMS.

OUR STUDIO AND BOUTIQUE ARE NONE PROFIT.

SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

MUSICALLY YOURS DOREEN AND CO.

MAY ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND

Sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation

To reserve the Community Room, you must contact Denise (766-2970) at least two days in advance. If Denise is not available, please leave a message at 874-8793 during regular business hours. If you would like to put a display up in the Community Building, please leave a message for Denise (2970).

• ISLAND HAPPENINGS - OPEN TO ALL ADULTS •

LOW IMPACT AEROBICS (with videos)

Every Wednesday (11:30 am - 12:30 pm) and Friday (3:00 - 4:00 pm) in the Community Center. Join Chris and Denise for this FUN activity!

Please note: Starting June 7, we will be walking on Monday mornings at 8:30-9:30 am and doing aerobics on Wednesdays from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Please meet at the Community Center. Call Chris (2929) or Denise (2970) for details.

SPRING FEVER CRAFT WORKSHOP

Friday, May 7 1:00 - 2:30 pm at the Community Center

Bring your own craft project to work on or learn a new craft. Crafts will include decorating terra cotta pots or making hand-stenciled notecards. Supplies will be available for a small lab fee (under \$3). Please bring a new kitchen sponge and any stencils you may have.

Pre-registration required if you want to decorate the terra cotta pots. Deadline is 5/5.

• OFF-ISLAND TRIPS: OPEN TO ALL ADULTS •

Pre-registration required. Sign-up sheets on the brown door in the Community Center.

Phone registrations begin on May 5. All trips have a small transportation fee.

FREEPORT SHOPPING TRIP

Monday, May 17 10:00 am boat/4:30 pm return

Enjoy Freeport before the tourists arrive! Lunch will be on your own.

Please note: If there is a waiting list of 8 or more, a second trip will go on Friday, 5/21.

“MYSTERY” GARDEN CENTER TRIP: A BREATH OF SPRINGTIME!

Friday, May 28 8:00 am boat/2:15 pm return

“MYSTERY” TRIP: SEE THE FLOWERS IN BLOOM

Friday, June 4 10:00 am boat/no later than 4:30 pm return

Portland Parks and Recreation and the Friends of Riverton Trolley Park are co-sponsoring a guided historic and wildflower walk of the Riverton Trolley Park (on Rt. 302) on Wednesday, May 26 at 5:30 pm. This walk will be followed by a slide presentation at 7:30 pm at the Riverton Com. Ctr. Transportation is not available at this time. **Please call Denise at 766-2970 if you are interested in the history and beauty of this park. We could have our own tour/slide presentation if there is enough interest.**

Any suggestions for a bus trip this summer? Please let Denise know where you would like to go!

Interested in going to Cape Cod on May 16, 17 & 18? Portland Parks and Recreation is sponsoring this trip for \$90.00. Please call Ray Carter at 874-8870 for more information.